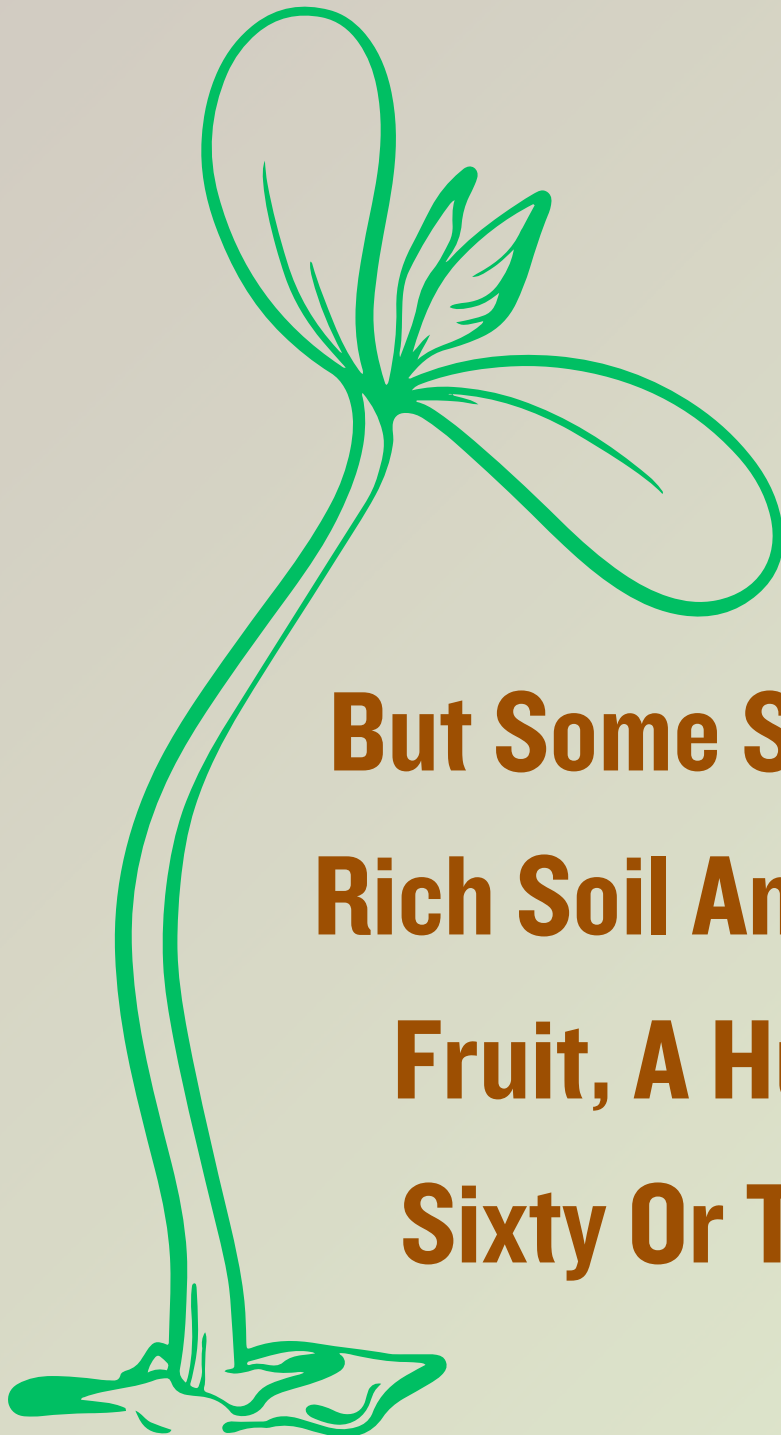


CCSSSP Church Bulletin

July 16, 2023



**But Some Seed Fell On
Rich Soil And Produced
Fruit, A Hundred Or
Sixty Or Thirtyfold.**

Rev. James Serowik, Administrator

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

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Following Monday's 6:00PM Mass with Fr. Jim.

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastor's Column

This weekend's Readings from Sacred Scripture speak to us about the parable of the sower who went out to sow some seed. Jesus tells us about the different types of soil that the seed fell on. We are called this weekend to reflect upon the soil of our lives that we have prepared to receive the Word of God. We are called to daily work upon the soil of our hearts to prepare it to listen to God's Word. May we remove the weeds, stones, rock and things that prevent the Word of God from taking root in our hearts and in our lives. May our work at tilling the soil of our hearts help to produce fruits at thirty, sixty or hundredfold in our lives.

I would like to schedule a single Mass for SUNDAY, JULY 30th, at 8:30 AM at St. Patrick's Parish in Whitney Point. I would like the opportunity to share with our entire community an update on the Chapter 11 proceedings with the Diocese of Syracuse and I feel that this is the best way to do that. Since I am also the Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vestal, this schedule enables me to be with the parish communities of St. Stephen-St Patrick, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament parishes. I look forward to being with all of you and sharing the update with you. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

—Matthew 13:8

Jesus uses an analogy of how God's kingdom grows through a multiplier effect. Take an action that will help you care for creation over and over. For example, **get a re-usable water bottle and commit to taking it with you wherever you go so that you can avoid buying a disposable cup or bottled water.**

It takes roughly 17 million barrels of oil to make plastic water bottles every year, and approximately 1.5 million tons of plastic are expended in the bottling of water each year.

Are you new to the Parish? Welcome to our church! We are glad you are here!!!
Feel free to ask questions, introduce yourself, pick up a Welcome Bag at the church entrance and read through our Volunteer Ministry Booklet.
We have a lot going on for different age groups. We are looking forward to getting to know you better and have you participate in worship and events.



Weekly Stewardship Report:
Last Sunday, July 09, 2023
Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,490.
Loose: \$353. Electronic: \$260.
.....Total: \$2,103. Other: Hosp-\$65.
Diocesan: Peter's Pence-\$30.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:
ChMain: \$150. RectExp: \$126.
Stip:\$100.Ph/Int: \$161. Sal.: \$1,000.
➔ Bills Paid This Week: \$1,537.
Thank you for your generosity!

Marathon Food Pantry - Our Whitney Point and Marathon Churches will take up a second collection today. July 16th, to help fund the Marathon Food Pantry. The Marathon Food Pantry operates out of the Civic Building in Marathon on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00PM. The pantry is "client choice" allowing the person to take only what they need and what their family will use.

➔We also offer Food Sense, an opportunity to stretch your food budget with quality food and a discount price. Check out their face book page or call Mary Bliss at 607-849-3246 or 607-423-8768 and if you have questions regarding the donation of specific items. Stop by and check us out.
Thank you, The Crew at the Marathon Food Pantry.



During **July** we are collecting **potatoes & cereal** for the Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please place your donations in designated baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for your food and monetary donations that help to feed those less fortunate in our community.

WP Food Pantry-We have had a request for gluten free products. If you are able to donate these to the pantry please leave them in the labeled baskets or drop off during pantry hours. Thank you for your continual support.



We have a parish subscription to Formed.org. Enter our parish name and search for the titles.

Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3) Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion

with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus' encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1 - This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

Saint Mary Magdalene - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

Bridgewater Nursing Home and Rehab Center in Binghamton have a sign posted for donations for BINGO prizes.

It is one of the social activities they provide for the residents so they can leave their rooms and be with other people.

Our Human Development will be taking up a collection for the suggested items until August 6th . We will take them down to the Center at the end of our collection.

I am sure they would happily accept any items you wish to donate.

The following were their suggestions:

hand lotion, knick knacks, puzzle books, new stuffed animals, jewelry, purse, men's belts, toothbrushes, notebooks, wallets, pens, candy, chips, headbands (soft) and art projects.

Thank you for helping us reach out. We have a number of Whitney Point residents currently living there and they get very excited to receive something. There are marked boxes at the entrances of our Whitney Point and Marathon churches



Summer THRIVE Event at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 701 W. Main St., Endicott Friday, August 18th, 6:30-8:00PM.

Evening of Praise & Worship with Jeremy Bobak and the THRIVE Band. Special Eucharistic Revival Message. Food, Fun & Fellowship on the patio to follow. All ages are welcome!

Contact: Tori Reynolds, Evangelization Coordinator, treynolds@syrdio.org or 607-748-7417.

Great Things Are Happening! Eucharistic Revival

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Get involved and be a part of the Eucharistic Revival. For more information, visit: eucharisticrevival.org and nyseucharisticcongress.org.

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the bishops of the State of New York are hosting a state-wide Eucharistic Congress October 20th-22nd at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs in Auriesville, NY.

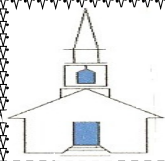
June's 50/50 - Thank you to the parishioners that gave the extra donation for June's 50/50 which increased the proceeds for the winners and our parish's Capital Building Fund.

Respirator & Surgical Masks are available at the entrances of our churches for parishioners to take. These masks are especially helpful for the forest fire smoke we've been having in our area. These are free of charge from Fr. Thomas.



Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Sgt Heather Fox, Major John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, LCDR Maria Lescord, SSgt Dan Votra USMC, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and PFC Isaac James Silvanic USMC

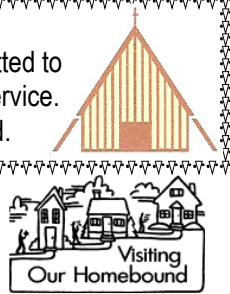
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.



Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

We are a Roman Catholic Community of faith, welcoming the strength found in diversity. We are committed to using our time, talent, and treasure in proclaiming the Kingdom of God through prayer, fellowship, and service.

We experience our unity at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord, and our direction from the Word of God.



If you know of parishioners that have not been able to come to Mass because they are ill, hospitalized or homebound, please let the Parish Office know so our Hospitality Groups can provide contact with them through visits and cards, or any spiritual needs such as communion, and perhaps they would like to receive a copy of our bulletin.



If you know someone that is ill, facing surgery, or some other kind of difficulty, and needs our prayers, please call Dottie Angel at 656-9230 or Pat Canfield at pattycafe@yahoo.com. They will lead the Prayer Chain we have at The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church. Supporting each other with the Power of Prayer is the best medicine. If you are not on our Prayer Chain and would like to be, please call our Parish Office, 692-3911.

Our bulletin & OLPH's can be viewed online at www.ccssp.com  Our face book page: www.facebook.com/ccssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, dongirl1956@aol.com
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Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Austin
Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, July 16 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Joe Sculley, Anniv.** ...by Mary Sculley
for **Andrew Ruffo**...by Jim & Pat Dean
10:15 AM Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Mary Cook**...by Theresa & Doug Murray
Monday, July 17 6:00 PM Whitney Point...for **Josephine McConnell**...by CCSS-SP
Thursday, July 20 9:00 AM Whitney Point...**Communion Service**
Sunday, July 23 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Elsie Zelsnack**...by Elsie Poyer
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Dawn Odinek, Anniv.** ...by Linda Caminiti
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Antonia Buttigieg**...by Josephine Kellogg



Readings for July 16 through 23, 2023:

Today: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
Monday: Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Sunday: Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43



New Mass Intention Offerings

The offering for all Mass intentions (both living and deceased) has been increased to \$15 per Mass, effective July 1st.

If you have any questions about the ministry schedule or would like to be added as a minister, please contact Justin VanTassel at 607-343-9577 or jvantassel@gmail.com.

Funeral Planning Booklets are available at the church entrances if you would like to begin selecting the readings and music that you would like played at the time of your death. A member of the bereavement ministry would be glad to meet with you or the completed booklet can be returned to the office so it is available when needed.



Whitney Point

Greeters: Cathy Cummings, Pat Tredo
Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Lector: Joe McDonald
Next Sunday: John Mihalko

Eucharistic ministers: I. Wennerod, J. Mihalko, S. McDonald
Next Sunday: K. Bensley, P. Orzel, C. Shoemaker
Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings
Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Orzel

Marathon

Don Atwood, Bob Barry
McEvoy Family
John Ewanciw
Rose Ann Holland
Eric Barry, Shelley Warnow
Kathy Cusick, Karen Standish
Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli
Don & Terrie Atwood

July Ushers: Bob Barry, Don Atwood

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10AM-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather.

FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko
July's Pantry Need: potatoes & cereal
WPClothing Bank: M,T & Sat, 10AM-Noon
The Mobile Food Truck is at Fairgrounds the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Registration is required (begins the day before the truck) and is on-line or by calling the Southern Tier Mobile Food Truck Food Bank of the Southern Tier - NY (foodbankst.org) 607.796.6061



Interested? Are you, or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If so, contact our parish office, 692-3911, for Kathy Cusick.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



RetireGuide A guide was created to Meals on Wheels for seniors, covering what the program is, how to sign up, and what types of meals are offered. Please feel free to take a look: <https://www.retireguide.com/retirement-life-leisure/senior-housing/aging-in-place/meals-on-wheels/>

For those homebound, you can access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>

This Week In Our Parish

Today, July 16th - 2nd Collection for Marathon Food Pantry at both Masses

Thursday, July 20th 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Pt Church

Women of Faith Group - We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM at our Whitney Point Church Hall. Everyone is invited to join us. Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 1st.

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Reading 2 - Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

(shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Adults: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?

Children: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?



Sacristan for our Marathon Church

We are in need of another Sacristan at our Marathon Church. You will be shown what needs to be done in setting up for Masses and turns are taken monthly.

If you are interested and able please contact our parish office. Thank you for stepping up for this ministry position needed.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are once again able to offer Children's Liturgy during the 8:30AM Mass. Children between 3 years of age and those going into 2nd grade are welcome. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate. It helps your child understand the readings.

Devotions to St. Ann

The Church of the Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect St. Binghamton offering our annual devotions to St. Ann, July 24, 25, 26.

The schedule is as follows:

July 24: 7pm - Vespers .

July 25: 7PM -Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

of the Holy Eucharist,

July 26: 7pm - Solemn Mass of

St. Ann, followed by a reception in our hall.

We will pray the Angelus to begin each evening and veneration of the relic of St. Ann will take place at the end. For more information, please call the parish office at 724-1372. The church is both handicapped accessible and air-conditioned.

A Family Perspective

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives.

Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of July

in our Whitney Pt Church is *In Memory Of:*

Joe Sculley by Mary Sculley

in our Marathon Church is *In Memory Of:*

Garret & Ella Van De Weert

Mary & Warren Lynch

by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert



In Memory of...

Formation for Ministry/Deacon Formation Information

Session, Sunday, August 13, 1:00-3:30PM at Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville.

Learn how Formation for Ministry and the process of becoming a deacon can help you answer God's call to serve the church.

This session will include an overview of FFM from 1-2PM and an overview of deacon formation from 2-3:30PM. Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for applying to the permanent diaconate. Those interested in the permanent diaconate who are married should attend with their wives. Call 315-470-1479 to register or for more information.

Church Yard Sale at Christian Fellowship Church, 2081 River St.,

Lisle (next to old Community Garden) Friday, July 21st &

Saturday, July 22nd. If you have any items you would like to

donate for this sale please drop off items at front or back

doorway of church and someone will check every day. If you

have any questions please contact Jane Nohle at 607-692-3080.

Vocation View: The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." Do you have a desire to help God cultivate "rich soil" in people's lives? Do you desire to help people hear God's Word and understand it through preaching? This is what priests do. If you feel called to the priesthood, call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

Registration is Open for 2023 - 2024 - Discover what educational advantage "The St Mary's Experience" could mean for your child... St Mary's is a Regional Catholic Elementary School in Cortland, NY. SMS is open to ALL faiths. PreK through Grade 6. Tuition assistance, student activities, foreign language, before/after school, bus transportation, hot lunch service, physical education, computer technology, sports, library, art and music are offered! Visit the school and talk with teachers. Learn more about curriculum and programs. Call for an appointment Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 2 PM, at 607-756-5614. Register online at: www.smscortland.org.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: Saint Camillus de Lellis, whom we honor on July 18th, is one of the patron saints of those who are sick. He himself was afflicted with illness, yet he reached out to care for those who were suffering—in hospitals, on plague-ridden ships, even on battlefields with injured military troops. He risked his own life to relieve the pain of others. Your challenge this week is to reach out to someone who is suffering—from physical pain, from depression or sadness, from alienation or bullying. Can you be the gentle hands and compassionate heart of Jesus for him or her? Who is it in your family, neighborhood or community who needs a healing touch?



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Ecumenical Peace Garden

Applications for engraved peace bricks in memory of a loved one are available on the table in the vestibule or by contacting Mary Wied at the parish office, 607-692-3911.

If anyone has any questions, please contact either Ken or Sylvia Bates at 607-237-9762 or 607-743-6317.